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Consideration of the application as preliminarily amended is respectfully requested.

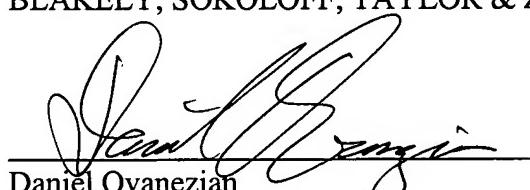
Claims 1-55 remain pending in the application. Claims 46-55 have been amended to correct an error in the numbering of the claims. No new matter has been added.

If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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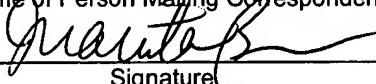
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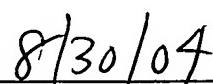
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